

Commanding General, Air Station
Cherry Point, North Carolina 28540

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Mr. Joseph Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

In 1980, the Department of the Navy began a comprehensive program to identify and control potentially hazardous environmental contamination from past disposal sites. This program, the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation Pollutants Program (NACIP), was begun at Cherry Point in March of 1982 to systematically identify, evaluate and control contamination from suspected past hazardous material operations. The first phase of this program, initial assessment of all potential sites at Cherry Point, was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Atlanta, the North Carolina Department of Human Resources and the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in May of 1983.

One site chosen for a Confirmation Study, a landfill which has been closed for over six years, is located north of Highway 101, south of Cherry Point Runway 32 and adjacent to property owned by Westminster Corporation. This site, originally a borrow area, was used as a waste disposal dump for an unknown quantity and type of waste for approximately 20 years. Testing by Air Station personnel in support of the ongoing Cherry Point environmental quality program has been performed in the vicinity of this site. This sampling indicated the presence of detectable chemical contaminants.

In keeping with Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Defense policy, this Command is taking the opportunity to notify your corporation of this situation. The current conditions in this area are to be evaluated by a comprehensive field investigation involving detailed physical, chemical, and analytical monitoring for possible contamination, its origin, and associated impacts.

Because of the dependence of the Air Station and the local community on groundwater as the sole source of potable water and the possibility that contaminants may affect groundwater sources, this Command is vitally concerned with the outcome of these studies. You may be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation and, should problem areas be confirmed, measures will be undertaken to control and mitigate potential contamination.

Sincerely, .

JOSEPH R. SALES, Col., USMC
Director of I&L
By direction of the
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